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SUBJECT: LISTIN DIARIO COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. NOTEWORTHY EDITORIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS JUNE 10 LISTIN DIARIO, PRESTIGIOUS SANTO DOMINGO DAILY, FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION: QUOTE THE IDEA THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS ORGANS HAD BEEN GAINING ASCENDANCY EVEN BEFORE THE COMING OF JIMMY CARTER TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ONE OF THOSE IDEAS WHOSE TIME HAS COME. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS BECOMES PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF A GREAT NATION, OTHER CONSIDERATIONS MAY COME INTO PLAY ACCOMPANYING OR DISTORTING THE APPLICATION OR THE DEFENSE OF THOSE RIGHTS. WHEN THE U.S. PROCLAIMED ITSELF CHAMPION OF THE DEFENSE OF THE FREE WORLD AGAINST SOVIET PENETRATION, IT FOUND THAT IT HAD AS ALLIES IN DEFENSE OF THAT FREE WORLD DICTATORS AND DESPOTS OF VERY BAD REPUTE, BUT WHO JUSTIFIED THEIR ATROCITIES IN THE NAME OF THE DEFENSE AGAINST COMMUNIST SUBVERSION. NOW THERE IS THE DANGER THAT FRANKLY DESPOTIC DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH CALL THEMSELVES LIBERATIONIST EXPONENTS OF THE THIRD WORLD BECOME CONSIDERED CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DECLARE THEMSELVES LEFTIST AND COMBAT CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA,

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RHODESIA, AND ISRAEL. IT IS LUCKY THAT THERE EXISTS AN IDI AMIN AGAINST WHOM WE CAN ALL DECLARE OUR SOLIDARITY, DEMANDING UNIVERSAL IMPARTIALITY IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT THE PROBLEM EXISTS THAT IN A WORLD IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS TRAMPLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE DENUNCIATION OF THESE VIOLATIONS IS ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO CONSIDERATIONS OF PRAGMATIC POLITICS. THE

TERM THIRD WORLD CAN BE A REFUGE OF IMMUNITY FOR LIBERATIONIST  
DESPOTS THE SAME AS 20 OR MORE YEARS AGO THE TERM FREE  
WORLD WAS A REFUGE FOR THE IMMUNITY OF DESPOTS WHO PROCLAIMED  
THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF THE VALUES OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.  
END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: LISTIN'S EDITORIAL REFLECTS GROWING FEELING HERE  
THAT SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH MERITS SUPPORT, SHOULD BE  
APPLIED EVEN-HANDEDLY AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A POLITICAL  
TOOL TO BE USED BY ONE GROUP OF STATES AGAINST ANOTHER.  
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